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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A barricade system for an airport taxiway comprising:
 - (A) supports which are positionable in a spaced-apart fashion across the airport taxiway to be closed and which comprise stanchions and bases which hold the stanchions; and
 - (B) a lightable rope which is fastenable to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic and which is energizable by a single electrical power source, wherein the supports and the lightable rope are sufficiently frangible that, when they are contacted by a rotating propeller, they are knocked over or destroyed by the propeller without damaging the propeller.
2. (Original) A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the electrical power source comprises a generator.
3. (Original) A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the electrical power source comprises an electrical outlet.
4. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the barricade system further comprises:

a trailer; and

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a reel which is carried by the trailer and on which the lightable rope can be retained, wherein, when the system is in use, the lightable rope includes a first end which is attached to one of the supports and a second end which is supported by the reel.

5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the stanchions are removable from the bases.
7. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 1, wherein the stanchions further comprise clips in which the lightable rope is selectively held.
8. (Original) A barricade system of claim 1, further comprising a controller which regulates illumination of the lightable rope.
9. (Original) A barricade system of claim 8, wherein the controller regulates a frequency of the illumination of the lightable rope.
10. (Original) A barricade system of claim 8, wherein the controller regulates a duration of the illumination of the lightable rope.
11. (Original) A barricade system of claim 1, further comprising a trailer which carries the supports and the lightable rope when the barricade system is not in use.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) A barricade system for an airport taxiway comprising:
 - (A) supports which are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion across the airport taxiway; and

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(B) a lightable rope which is fastened to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic and which is energized by a single electrical power source, wherein the supports and the lightable rope are sufficiently frangible ~~to permit their use on the airport taxiway that, when they are contacted by a rotating propeller, they are~~ knocked over or destroyed by the propeller without damaging the propeller.

14. (Currently Amended) A barricade system for an airport taxiway comprising:

(A) a trailer;

(B) supports which are carried on the trailer when the system is not in use and which, when in use, are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion on the airport taxiway to be closed; and

(C) a lightable rope which is carried on the trailer when the system is not in use and which, when in use, is fastened to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic;

(D) a portable generator which is supported on the trailer and which supplies electrical power to the lightable rope when the system is in use; and

(E) a reel which is carried by the trailer, wherein, when the system is in use, the lightable rope includes a first end which is attached to one of the supports and a second end which is supported by the reel, wherein the supports and the lightable rope are sufficiently frangible that, when they are contacted by a rotating propeller, they are knocked over or destroyed by the propeller without damaging the propeller.

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15. (Currently Amended) A system for closing an airport taxiway to vehicular traffic comprising:

(A) stanchions and bases which hold the stanchions, both of which are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion across the airport taxiway; and

(B) a single illuminatable barricade which is fastened to all of the stanchions to close the airport taxiway to prevent vehicular traffic and is energized by an electric power source, wherein the stanchions and the lightable rope are sufficiently frangible that, when they are contacted by a rotating propeller, they are knocked over or destroyed by the propeller without damaging the propeller

16. (Currently Amended) A system for closing an airport taxiway to vehicular traffic comprising:

(A) a moveable platform;

(B) stanchions which are carried on the moveable platform when the system is not in use and which, when in use, are positioned in a spaced-apart fashion on the airport taxiway;

(C) an illuminatable barricade which is carried on the moveable platform when the system is not in use and which, when in use, is fastened to all of the stanchions to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic;

(D) an electric power source which is carried on the moveable platform and which powers the illuminatable barricade;

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(E) a controller which regulates the electric power source; and

(F) signage carried by at least one stanchion, wherein the stanchions and the lightable rope are sufficiently frangible that, when they are contacted by a rotating propeller, they are knocked over or destroyed by the propeller without damaging the propeller.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of closing an airport taxiway comprising:

(A) positioning bases across the airport taxiway in a spaced-apart fashion;

(B) attaching stanchions to the bases;

(C) fastening a lightable rope to the stanchions to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic; and

(D) energizing the lightable rope with a single electrical power source, wherein, in the event of a rotating propeller hitting at least one of the rope and a stanchion, the part that is hit will break or be knocked over without damaging the propeller.

18. (Original) A method of claim 17, further comprising regulating the supply of electrical power to the lightable rope from the power source.

19. (Original) A method of claim 18, wherein the frequency of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.

20. (Original) A method of claim 18, wherein the duration of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.

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21. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 17, further comprising:
- (A) dc-energizing the lightable rope;
 - (B) removing the lightable rope from the stanchions; and
 - (C) removing the stanchions and the bases from the airport taxiway.
22. (Original) A method of claim 21, further comprising winding the lightable rope onto a reel.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Currently Amended) A method of closing an airport taxiway comprising:
- (A) positioning supports across the airport taxiway in a spaced-apart fashion;
 - (B) fastening a lightable rope carried on a reel to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic;
 - (C) electronically coupling the lightable rope to the reel; and
 - (D) lighting the lightable rope with a single electrical power source, wherein
in the event of a rotating propeller hitting at least one of the rope and a support, the part
that is hit will break or be knocked over without damaging the propeller.
25. (Currently Amended) A method of closing an airport taxiway comprising:
- (A) transporting a barricade system to the airport taxiway to be closed, the barricade system including:
 - (1) a trailer;
 - (2) supports which are carried on the trailer; and

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- (3) a lightable rope which is wound onto a reel on the trailer;
 - (B) removing the supports from the trailer;
 - (C) positioning the trailer in a position spaced from the airport taxiway;
 - (D) positioning the supports across the airport taxiway in a spaced-apart fashion;
 - (E) unwinding the lightable rope from the reel; then
 - (F) fastening the lightable rope to the supports to close the airport taxiway to vehicular traffic; and then
 - (G) lighting the lightable rope with a generator mounted on the trailer when the trailer is spaced from the airport taxiway, wherein, in the event of an aircraft hitting at least one of the rope and a support, the part that is hit will break or be knocked over without damaging the aircraft.
26. (Original) A method of claim 25, further comprising regulating the supply of electrical power to the lightable rope from the generator.
27. (Original) A method of claim 26, wherein the frequency of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.
28. (Original) A method of claim 26, wherein the duration of the illumination of the lightable rope is regulated.
29. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 25, wherein, during step (G), the trailer is located laterally adjacent the airport taxiway.

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30. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 25, further comprising:
- (A) de-energizing the lightable rope;
 - (B) removing the lightable rope from the supports;
 - (D) removing the supports from the airport taxiway; and
 - (E) stowing the supports and the lightable rope on the trailer.
31. (Previously Presented) A system of claim 16, wherein the signage is permanently mounted to the stanchion.
32. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 4, wherein the lightable rope is electrically coupled to the reel when the system is in use.
33. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 14, wherein the lightable rope is electrically coupled to the reel when the system is in use.
34. (Canceled)
35. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 4, wherein, when the system is in use, the trailer can be positioned away from the airport taxiway.
36. (Previously Presented) A barricade system of claim 14, wherein, when the system is in use, the trailer can be positioned away from the airport taxiway.
37. (Canceled)
38. (Previously Presented) A system of claim 16, wherein, when the system is in use, the platform can be positioned away from the airport taxiway.

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39. (Canceled)

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